

DESANTIS MICHAEL J

Form 4

January 05, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DESANTIS MICHAEL J

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

CHOICE HOTELS
INTERNATIONAL INC /DE [CHH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

10750 COLUMBIA PIKE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/03/2006

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

SVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

SILVER SPRING, MD 20901

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/16/2005		G	V 500 D \$ 0	59,317.7	D	
Common Stock					3,379	I	401 (k)
Common Stock					4,045	I	Non-Qualified Plan
Common Stock	01/03/2006		A	17,000 A \$ 6.3125	76,317.7	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2006		A	11,250 A \$ 7.4218	87,567.7	D	

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 6.3125	01/03/2006		M	17,000	<u>(1)</u> 02/01/2009	Common Stock 17,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 7.4218	01/03/2006		M	11,250	<u>(1)</u> 01/26/2008	Common Stock 11,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DESANTIS MICHAEL J 10750 COLUMBIA PIKE SILVER SPRING, MD 20901			SVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary	

Signatures

Michael J.
DeSantis 01/05/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Options vest in five equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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